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SMA, SALA, SGA TO MEET APRIL 26-28:

FOCUS ON REGIONAL COOPERATION

The joint spring meeting of the Society of Mississippi Archivists, the Society of Alabama Archivists and the Society of Georgia Archivists will take place Sunday, April 26 through Tuesday, April 28 at the Alabama 4-H Center near Birmingham. The focus of the meeting will be regional cooperation, highlighted by discussion of a proposed regional confederation comprised of the three participating organizations and by a presentation on "The Relationship of SAA to the Regionals" by Donn C. Neal, the new Executive Director of the Society of American Archivists. Other sessions on cooperative collecting policies, cooperative conservation concerns and the status of the NEH-funded newspaper projects in the three states will contribute to the regional theme.

Michael Thomason, President of SALA, writing in the Winter 1987 issue of Access, the SALA newsletter, recalls the tradition of joint meetings among the state groups of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. He writes, "Now I hope we will move forward to establish a regional organization to include our three states and perhaps others as well. Such a body will not replace SALA or SMA or SGA, but it will enhance [them] and enable all of us to learn from one another within a larger geographical area." His draft proposal for a Southern Archivists' Confederation will be presented at the 3:00 session on Monday, April 27. A panel of the presidents of the three organizations will respond to the proposal, and individual members will also have the opportunity to voice their questions and opinions.

The registration fee is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. A comprehensive \$72 package for accommodations and meals includes lodging for Sunday and Monday nights plus meals from Sunday supper through Tuesday lunch. Other accommodation packages are also available and meals and lodging may be purchased individually. The deadline for registration is April 16 and cancellations received after that time are not refundable. Programs and registration forms have been sent to SMA members. Others interested in attending should contact Mike Breedlove or Beth Muskat, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36130, telephone (205) 261-4261.

ATTENTION! SMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE BEFORE SPRING MEETING!
SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 4!

The Primary Source is a quarterly publication of news and ideas produced by the Society of Mississippi Archivists, a non-profit organization of professional archivists and other interested persons.

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Deadlines for inclusion are: No. 1 (Spring) February 28; No. 2 (Summer) May 31; No. 3 (Fall) August 31; No. 4 (Winter) November 30.

Some Words from the Editor

Last November I bowed to the inevitable, cranked up my word processor and assumed the editorship of THE PRIMARY SOURCE. The chief condition of my acceptance was the promised assistance of the knowledgeable and competent people listed above. Together, we hope to bring you a newsletter that once again contains thoughtful feature articles on matters of concern to us all, news of the latest happenings in archives and archival conservation, and reviews discussing publications we all should know about, like the one written for this issue by Marja Lynne Mueller.

With this issue we are also beginning a series of "Institutional Spotlights" highlighting archival collections in the state of Mississippi. Featured this issue are a college archives, a private genealogical library and a small museum. We hope that these features inspire other institutions to volunteer to be "spotlighted." Valuable and interesting collections of research materials are often found outside the larger, well-known repositories. Researchers need to know about these collections, which may be essential to their research. Archivists and librarians need to know about them, so that they can refer researchers to the materials they need. So please--don't be bashful. Don't wait for a formal invitation. Send information about your repository to me or to Sandra Boyd and Alexandra Gressitt, McCain Library and Archives, University of Southern Mississippi, Southern Station Box 5148, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5148.

---Suzanne Steel

INSTITUTIONAL SPOTLIGHTS

With this issue THE PRIMARY SOURCE begins a series on manuscripts, special collections, local history collections and oral history programs in public libraries, museums, and archives in Mississippi.

L. W. ANDERSON GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

The L. W. Anderson Genealogical Library was established in 1982 by Anne S. Anderson to promote the study and education of genealogy. This privately owned and non-profit reference library houses over 30,000 volumes, pamphlets, and microfilms on every facet of genealogy. Presently the 6th largest genealogical holding in the south, it continues to grow at a steady rate. The library is a major source of research throughout the region and was the 1985 recipient of the National Genealogical Society's Award of Merit.

Address: P. O. Box 1647. Gulfport, MS 39502

Location: Highway 90 (between Cowan & Debuys Roads), Gulfport. On the Gulf Coast Campus of William Carey College.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30am-2:30pm

Contact Person: Anne S. Anderson, Owner/Director

Services Provided: Microfilm and microfiche readers; microfilm reader/printer; copying machine; personalized assistance from Ms. Anderson.

Holdings: The collection contains bound materials on thirty-four states (primarily New England, Mid-Atlantic, Southern and Mid-Western) as well as Germany, Canada, British Isles, Sweden, Barbados and France. Although there is a small collection of family histories, the concentration is on official marriage, land, probate, cemetery, Bible, and military records.

Microfilm in the library's collection includes census records from most states east of the Mississippi River, scattered states of the Mid-West, and Canada; military records for the Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Civil War; Indian materials; passenger lists; state and county records; and Spanish records. Also on microfilm is a complete run of each of the following periodicals: National Genealogical Society Quarterly, New England Historical and Genealogical Society Magazine, South Carolina Historical Society Magazine, and New Jersey Magazine.

BRICE'S CROSSROADS MUSEUM

Brice's Crossroads Museum was founded in 1961 by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gentry. It is located in a replica of a pioneer home and offers books and museum related items for sale.

Address: Highway 45 North. Baldwyn, MS 38824

Phone: (601) 365-9371 or 365-5281

Hours: By appointment

Contact Person: Claude Gentry

Holdings: The museum focuses on Americana, with two areas of interest: the Civil War and fiction by Claude Gentry.

HOOD LIBRARY

Hood Library on the campus of Belhaven College is housed in a three-story building which contains a small auditorium, classrooms, listening rooms, an archives room and space for 100,000 books. The building was completed in the fall of 1974.

Address: Belhaven College. Jackson, MS 39202

Phone: (601) 968-5948

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-10:00pm Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, 9:00am-5:00pm

Contact Person: Miss Evelyn Tackett

Services Provided: Copying machine; interlibrary loan service; in-house use of library materials by the public with circulation privileges to alumni and ministers.

Holdings: The library's holdings include 71,000 books; unprocessed manuscripts; records; tapes; microfiche; and microfilm. Among the printed materials will be found information relating to the Presbyterian Church and local church histories in Mississippi. Archival materials on Belhaven College include unpublished manuscripts, scrapbooks, posters, jewelry, costumes, and paintings of alumni.

SMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

Membership renewals (and new memberships) in the Society of Mississippi Archivists are due at the time of the Spring meeting. Membership categories are: Student--\$3.00, Individual--\$7.50, Institutional--\$15.00, and Patron--\$25.00 up. Send membership renewals to: Dan Den Bleyker, Membership Chairman, Society of Mississippi Archivists, P.O. Box 1151, Jackson, MS 39205. Renewals are not included in the Spring meeting package this year.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

NHPRC Announces February Grants

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) met in Washington, D.C. on February 12-13 and recommended \$550,000 for sixteen historical records projects and \$510,000 for fourteen documentary publication projects. In addition, three historical records projects were endorsed. The grant recommendations were made in response to more than \$1,500,000 in requests. The meeting was attended by two new commission members: Supreme Court Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun and Arizona State Archivist David H. Hooper.

Among the funded records projects were an archival education program by the New England Archivists, a project by the American Bible Society to provide training and technical assistance for religious archivists, a national conference to plan for improved care and availability of local television newsfilm collections proposed by the American Film Institute, an SAA project to analyze and disseminate data collected by the 1985 census of archival institutions, and a project to test a model for modern records appraisal centered at the University of Michigan. The American Home Economics Association, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the American Field Service International/Intercultural Programs, Antioch University, the University of South Carolina, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and the cities of Tampa, Florida, Richmond, Virginia and Milwaukee, Wisconsin received grants to finance the development of archival programs. The funded publications projects involved the papers of such figures as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Gompers, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

In order to inform our readers and to encourage applications from worthy archival projects within the state, The Primary Source is printing the following summary of NHPRC programs and guidelines.

National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Grant Guidelines

Through its national historical records program, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) encourages a greater effort by private organizations and government to preserve and make available for use those records that further an understanding and appreciation of American history. In the public sector, these historical records document significant activities of state, county, municipal, and other units of government. In the private sector, historical records include manuscripts, personal and family papers, and organizational and corporate archives that are maintained by a variety of repositories, as well as materials in special collections relating to particular fields of study.

In addition to supporting projects relating directly to a body of records, the Commission also supports projects to advance the state of the art, to promote cooperative efforts among institutions and organizations, and to improve the knowledge, performance, and professional skills of those who work with historical records.

Administration of the Program

The records program is a cooperative effort of the NHPRC, State Records Coordinators and Advisory Boards, and institutions, organizations, and individuals throughout the country concerned with the records of the nation. The Executive Director, the Director of the Records Program, and the staff of the Commission administer the records program under the guidance of the Commission and the immediate administrative direction of its chairman, the Archivist of the United States.

The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) is the central advisory board for state projects and records planning. The State Historical Records Coordinator administers the records program. The Board makes funding recommendations to the Commission concerning records grant applications from institutions and organizations in the state. The Board also may sponsor records surveys and studies of conditions and needs within the state, solicit or develop proposals for Commission-sponsored projects, and review the progress of state records programs funded by the Commission.

Categories of Funding

From time to time, the Commission issues priority statements and solicits proposals that address specific areas of concern. In recent years, the Commission has funded proposals falling within these broad categories:

- *arrangement, description, and preservation of historical records including photographs, films, and sound recordings
- *development of improved records programs for state and local governments and private organizations
- *establishment of new records programs at institutions that will support the programs on a continuing basis
- *comprehensive, multi-institutional guides to historical records
- *surveys of records not in repositories
- *education and training of archivists, records custodians, and historical agency administrators
- *improvement of recordkeeping techniques and processes in all areas, including automation
- *feasibility studies leading to major project proposals
- *consultant grants

Types of Grant Support

The Commission makes funds available as outright or matching grants or as grants combining these two types of funding. Applicants may request the funding arrangement best suited to their needs, although occasionally the Commission will decide to offer a different mix of funding. Institutional

cost sharing in the form of cash and in-kind contributions is also an important part of each project's funding.

Grant Deadlines

The Commission meets three times a year. Applicants must submit signed, complete proposals according to the following deadlines:

October Meeting: Application Deadline: June 1

Proposals Addressing Program Emphases
National, Regional, and Statewide Projects
State Board Regrant Proposals

February Meeting: Application Deadline: October 1

Proposals Addressing Program Emphases
National, Regional, and Statewide Projects
Archival Programs: Colleges and Universities
Archival Programs: Local Governments
Proposals Addressing Native Americans Initiative

June Meeting: Application Deadline: February 1

Proposals Addressing Program Emphases
Archival Programs: Colleges and Universities
Archival Programs: Museums, Service Organizations, Religious Organizations, and Similar Applicants
Historical Photographs, Motion Pictures, and Sound Recordings
Collection Project: Arrangement and Description, Preservation, etc.

Note: NHPRC has recently published a brochure outlining the Commission's current funding emphases for its records program. Records Program Emphases, 1986-1987, describes general areas of concern to the Commission, specific areas within them, and examples of proposals within specific areas. For a free copy, write to Records Program, NPR, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

Archival Administration Fellowships

The NHPRC also invites applications for the 1987/88 Archival Administration Fellowships. Interested mid-career archivists are encouraged to apply for three fellowships jointly funded by NHPRC and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to provide advanced administrative training in archives. They carry a \$21,000 stipend and up to \$4,200 for fringe benefits for a nine- to ten-month period beginning between August and October 1987. Applicants should have at least three years' archival work experience and have completed the equivalent of two semesters' full-time graduate work in a program including an archival education component (i.e. at least one course in archival methodology.)

The three host institutions selected for 1987/1988 are the California State Archives, Sacramento, California, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota. The University Archives at New York University in New York City has been selected as an alternate host institution. A full prospectus from each host institution is available to applicants.

The deadline for applications is **May 15, 1987**. Completed applications must be at the Commission at that time. Following the May 15 deadline, the Commission will provide the completed fellowship application forms to the host institutions, each of which will select a fellow by mid-June 1987. During the selection period applicants are asked not to communicate directly with host institutions unless the host institution initiates the correspondence.

Fellowship application forms should be requested from the NHPRC, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408, telephone (202) 523-5386.

Upcoming Application Deadlines for Other Federal Granting Agencies

Institute of Museum Services

May 1: Museum Assessment Program I
July 31: Museum Assessment Program II

National Endowment for the Humanities

April 1: Texts: Publications Subvention (Division of Research Programs)
May 1: Challenge Grants
June 1: Preservation Grants (Office of Preservation)
U.S. Newspaper Program (Office of Preservation)
Texts: Editions (Division of Research Programs)
Texts: Translations (Division of Research Programs)
June 12: Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations
(Division of General Programs)

National Endowment for the Arts

June 30: Presentation and Education
Catalogues
September 21: Conservation
Collection Maintenance
October 15: Museum Purchase Plan
November 16: Special Exhibitions

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

Greenville Newspaper Wins Open Records Suit

The city of Greenville must pay a \$100 fine and almost \$36,000 in legal fees to the Delta Democrat-Times for violating the state Open Records Act, Chancellor Nathan Adams has ruled. After a lengthy Washington County Chancery Court trial, Adams ruled that the city had illegally refused to produce annexation cost records requested by the Greenville newspaper.

The afternoon daily had filed suit against the city, the city clerk and other individual defendants last February when it was unable to get the records it sought. The newspaper had filed written requests for the information three times in a three month period without success.

Adams granted a defense motion for a summary judgment dismissing the suit against members of the city government as individuals, but held that the city clerk and the city council were responsible for providing access to public records. In his ruling, Adams held the city primarily responsible for handling the records.

"We are delighted with the ruling," newspaper editor Ken Cazalas said. "We thought all along it was a pretty simple situation. The city had the records; we asked for them; the city refused to give us access to them. It is a shame that the taxpayers of Greenville are going to have to spend nearly \$36,000 because the city of Greenville would not obey the open records law." (Hattiesburg American, November 14, 1986)

New Sweden Manuscripts

The New Jersey Historical Commission and State Museum have begun a joint project to inventory manuscript collections dealing with New Sweden, a Swedish settlement in the Delaware Valley which will celebrate the 300th anniversary of its founding in 1988. The inventory will be published by the Museum and the Commission.

A preliminary survey identified more than 40 American repositories of manuscript collections pertaining to Swedes and Finns in the Delaware Valley in the 17th or 18th centuries, or to Sweden in the 17th century. The completed inventory will provide a guide to collections for scholars studying New Sweden Colony and its influence on early American culture. (A B Bookman's Weekly, January 5, 1987)

Publisher Purchases Einstein-Roosevelt Letter

Magazine publisher Malcolm Forbes has purchased for \$220,000 a letter written by Albert Einstein on Aug. 2, 1939, to President Franklin D. Roosevelt--the letter which spurred the United States' development of the atomic bomb.

"The letter represents an incredible historical milestone," said Forbes; "To me, it is the reason we've had peace for 40 years." He acquired the letter for the Forbes Magazine Galleries at a recent Christie's sale in New York.

The document is one of two versions written by Einstein to Roosevelt; the second version, which is 20 lines longer, was delivered to President Roosevelt on Oct. 11, 1939. It is in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park. (A B Bookman's Weekly, January 19, 1987)

Missing Books and Manuscripts Probed in Georgia

A criminal investigation by the F.B.I. and state authorities is underway in the disappearance of an estimated \$1 million worth of books, historical documents, and maps from the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia in Athens.

The initial probe began in October 1985, when the Hargrett Library was contacted by a rare book and manuscript dealer who had been offered a 1783 letter written by Revolutionary War General Nathanael Greene. The dealer recognized the unique letter as belonging to the University of Georgia's collection and returned the letter to the university.

After the investigation of the missing Greene letter an inventory of the map collection was begun when a rare map of South Carolina was thought to be missing from the library. The map was later found, but the inventory has thus far revealed that many rare documents, including 28 maps and 853 prints, are missing from the library collection.

The Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library is continuing its inventory of hundreds of thousands of books and millions of documents, which include diaries and letters of Revolutionary War leaders, Indian treaties, and the original constitution of the Confederate States of America. (A B Bookman's Weekly, February 9, 1987)

California May Sue to Get Ex-Governor's Papers

March Fong Eu, California's Secretary of State, has threatened to sue former Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. over his refusal to donate his official papers to the state archives, which she contends is required by law.

Mr. Brown has deposited at the University of Southern California about 2,000 boxes of his correspondence, reports, and other miscellaneous records from his eight years as Governor despite Ms. Eu's claims on the materials for the archives, said John Burns, chief state archivist.

Ms. Eu contended that a 1975 law authorized the Secretary of State to require that the public papers and records of California governors be deposited in the archives. Mr. Brown said he wanted the records at the university, close to his home in Los Angeles. (Chronicle of Higher Education, February 4, 1987)

Special Collections Reorganized at LSU

The Louisiana State University Libraries have announced the creation of the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Historical Collections. The new department in the Libraries division of Special Collections combines in one administrative structure all of the collections and staff previously designated as the Louisiana Collection, the University Archives, and the Russell Long Collection. By integrating these collections LSU has created a center for research in the history and culture of the region developed and serviced by a single staff and accessed through a single automated catalog.

A national search is presently underway for a Head of the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Historical Collections. When this search has been completed the reorganization of LSU's Special Collections program, begun last year, will have been completed. The new and expanded department will take its place in the LSU Libraries alongside the Rare Book Collection, the E. A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection, the Jones Lincoln Collection, the Carriere Poker and Hoyle Collection, and a number of additional special collections. (S.S.A. Newsletter, Winter 1986)

WASHINGTON NEWS

1988 Budget Recommendations Present No Surprises

On January 5 President Reagan forwarded his FY '88 budget recommendations to Congress. There were few surprises, for most recommendations mirrored those of the past several years. Zero funds were recommended for the grants program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The proposed budget called for the elimination of funds for FY '88, as well as the rescission of three-fourths of the FY '87 money, for the Historic Preservation Fund, which provides appropriations for the State Historic Preservation Offices and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Administration recommends a \$12 million cut in the National Endowment for the Humanities' budget, which would reduce the current \$139 million budget to approximately \$127 million. Under the proposed budget, the National Archives would receive an increase of approximately \$10 million, the amount needed to absorb inflationary costs, pay salary increases, plus some additional money to begin processing the papers of the Reagan Administration. However, many basic needs, such as shortage of staff to prepare adequate descriptions of records, preserve documents, process declassification backlog, and assist researchers, will not be met by the budget.

FOIA Revisions Favor Scholars

On April 25 the revisions to the Freedom of Information Act recently passed as a part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, will take effect. The major intent of the FOIA amendments was to protect confidential law enforcement informants and files and to establish new fee provisions. The amended fee provisions include fees for document search, review, and duplication when records are requested for commercial use; however, there is a fee waiver for scholarly research. P.L. 99-500 states that "fees will be limited to reasonable standard charges for document duplication when ... the request is made by an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, whose purpose is scholarly or scientific research."

In clarifying the meaning of this language, Representative Glenn English (D-OK), prepared an analysis of the fee waiver section which states that "a request made by a professor or other member of the professional staff of an educational or scientific institution should be presumed to have been made by the institution." Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), is also to be commended for his efforts to assure that the new fee waiver provisions will end the current policy of using fees to deter FOIA requests by scholars. An added plus for the new bill is that it provides that the first one hundred pages of duplication will be free for non-commercial requesters.

It may be too early to anticipate the impact of these amendments on access to information, but the Congressional Research Service has concluded that this legislation does not represent a narrowing of the FOIA but rather provides some commonsense direction in applying FOIA exemptions.

Microfilm Rental Continued

The National Archives microfilm rental program contract has been renewed and awarded to the DDD Company of Hyattsville, Maryland. Microfilm available to both individuals and organizations includes census schedules from 1790 to 1910, Revolutionary War pension and bounty land warrant files, and compiled military service records of Revolutionary War soldiers with a related index.

National Archives Opens Nixon Papers

Approximately 1 1/2 million pages of Richard M. Nixon's Presidential papers were made public in December by the National Archives. The documents were the first of the Nixon papers to be opened to the public since the former President began his battle to control access to them following his resignation in August 1974. The new material is generally concerned

with domestic-policy issues in such areas as education, housing, and science policy.

A series of lawsuits by Mr. Nixon has delayed the opening of his papers longer than those of any other recent President. Access to nearly 700 cubic feet of "special files"--with much of the material pertaining specifically to Watergate--remains stalled following yet another suit by some of Mr. Nixon's former aides, although Archives officials intend to try to make those papers available within a year.

The National Archives now holds some 40 million pages of papers and thousands of hours of tape recordings from Mr. Nixon's tenure in the White House. No tapes were among the material that was made available last week. Some tapes that became part of the public record during the federal prosecution of Nixon Administration officials involved in the Watergate scandal have been available to the public since then. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, December 10, 1986)

Jimmy Carter Library Open to Researchers

The Jimmy Carter Library in Atlanta, Georgia, officially opened its research facilities on Tuesday, January 27, 1987. President Carter cut the ribbon in a ceremony in the main research room.

More than six million pages of material documenting the Carter Administration was opened to the public. This material included the Subject and Name Files of the White House Central File and significant portions of the papers of White House staff members.

Other material opened for research included memoranda from White House staff members advising the President on national and international policies; reports to the President; and correspondence between President Carter and national and world notables on topics ranging from the environment, education, and mental health to nuclear disarmament and the exploration of space--virtually every subject dealt with by the Carter White House. Among these is Andrei Sakharov's letter on human rights and letters from actor John Wayne and baseball hero Henry Aaron.

Federal records relating to Presidential commissions and White House conferences were also opened. These include records relating to the National Commission on Neighborhoods; the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development; the President's Commission for a National Agenda for the Eighties; and the Presidential Commission on Mental Health. Nearly one million photographs, hundreds of hours of motion picture film, and audio and video tapes relating to the Carter Presidency were opened as well.

The Jimmy Carter Library was dedicated on October 1, 1986. It is one of eight presidential libraries administered by the National Archives. The library is located in the Carter Presidential Center on Copen Hill, along with the former President's office, the Carter Center of Emory University, and offices of national and international organizations President Carter supports.

Following a tradition established by President Roosevelt, President Carter donated these materials to the people of the United States shortly after he left office in 1981 and raised private funds to build the library. Presidents Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Ford have also established Presidential libraries and donated their materials to the public.

The Carter Library is open for research 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Pumpkin Papers" Released

The "Pumpkin Papers," which have become a symbol of intrigue in one of the most celebrated court cases in American history, are now available on microfilm from the National Archives. The original five rolls have been placed in a special preservation storage area.

The original film was allegedly hidden in a hollowed-out pumpkin--thus the name--before being turned over to the U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee in 1948 by Whittaker Chambers. He had previously testified before this committee about his activities as a Soviet agent during the 1930s. His testimony implicated Alger Hiss, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a former official of the State Department.

The film contained images of State and Navy Department documents that Whittaker Chambers claimed had been furnished to him by Alger Hiss and others in 1938 for transmittal to the Soviet Union. Two rolls contained clear images of documents; two rolls contained faint reproductions that were almost entirely illegible; and one roll apparently had been light-struck and therefore contained no images.

The Department of Justice took custody of the "Pumpkin Papers" microfilm in 1949 and introduced parts as evidence in United States vs. Alger Hiss (U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). The trial resulted in Hiss' conviction for perjury, which was later upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and by the Supreme Court of the United States. An earlier trial had ended with the jury unable to reach a verdict.

In 1975, the film was transferred to the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Information Appeals by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. The Justice Department allowed Mr. Hiss and a few other researchers to see the films and released photostatic copies of the images.

"Charters of Freedom" Available

To commemorate the bicentenary of the United States Constitution, the National Archives has published a series of fine poster reproductions of the nation's "Charters of Freedom"--the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence.

The posters were produced according to meticulous standards to ensure faithfulness to the original documents. The staff responsible for preservation of the Charters supervised the reproduction process. They are printed on fine-quality acid-free paper stock, suitable for framing.

The posters, which measure 33 x 20 inches each, may be purchased individually or as a set. The three-document set sells for \$15. The four-page Constitution sells for \$7.50, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights sell for \$5 each.

To order send check or money order (payable to the National Archives Trust Fund), including \$3.00 shipping/handling charges, to: Charters of Freedom, Cashier (NAJC), Room G-1, Department 712, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

PUBLICATIONS NOTED

The Society of American Archivists' Committee on Goals and Priorities (CGAP) has recently published a report, Planning for the Archival Profession, intended to institutionalize planning as an ongoing process by providing a framework for planning and decision making by the associations, repositories, and individuals that comprise the archival community and by those who support archival endeavors. It identifies twelve priority areas, grouped under the three general headings: the identification and retention of records of enduring value, the administration of archival programs, and the availability and use of archival records. CGAP is encouraging new or continued actions by twenty different groups, including SAA-related entities--such as the officers and council, the executive office staff, committees, and task forces--and other individuals and groups, such as the National Archives and the NHPRC. Of particular importance are activities by regional archival associations, especially in the area of sponsorship of educational programs and workshops ranging from basic to advanced levels. CGAP is also planning for a national congress on historical records, an event timed to coincide with the bicentennial of the Constitution and designed to focus attention on the condition and importance of archives.

Also available from SAA is The Image of Archivists: Resource Allocators' Perceptions, also known as "The Levy Report." The report, commissioned by SAA, contains the findings of Social Research, Inc., which interviewed 44 administrators and others who control or influence the funding of archives. It concludes that archives are not high on the priority lists of most resource allocators, and that archivists have not been aggressive enough in changing the situation. The SAA Task Force on Archives and Society has prepared an eight-page analysis of the Levy Report, which now accompanies every copy sold. Both publications are available from SAA, 600 South Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605. The CGAP Report is \$5 for members, \$8 for nonmembers; the Levy report is \$6 for members, \$9 for nonmembers.

The Guide to Kentucky Archival and Manuscript Repositories has been published by Kentucky's Department for Libraries and Archives. The Guide is the first in a series of planned publications based on information gathered by the Kentucky Guide Project under the direction of the department's Public Records Division and jointly funded by the department and NHPRC. The volume provides a brief overview of 285 public and private repositories, all of which were visited personally by project staff. Each entry contains the repository's name, address and telephone number, days and hours of service, a collection policy statement, dates and volume of materials held, and a short narrative description outlining the broad subject holdings of the repository. The volume contains a name and subject index. To order, send a \$12 check or money order made out to the Kentucky State Treasurer to Barbara Teague, Kentucky Guide Project, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602-0537.

Framers of the Constitution, edited by James H. Carleton, Robert G. Ferris, and Mary C. Ryan, has been published by the National Archives. A major part of the book first appeared in Signers of the Constitution, published by the National Park Service in 1976. The 260-page hardcover book has 106 illustrations and sells for \$19.50 in the NARA museum shop.

A Guide to the Mobile Municipal Archives, by Clifton Dale Foster, Tracey J. Berezansky, and E. Frank Roberts, has been published by the city of Mobile, Alabama. The guide is the result of a one-year archival arrangement and description project funded by the NHPRC. It describes the 3,000 cubic feet of historical municipal records, 1815-1985, held in the city archives. More information is available from Jay Higginbotham, Mobile Municipal Archives, P. O. Box 1827, Mobile, AL 36633-1827.

The Vermont State Archives has published A Guide to Vermont's Repositories listing over 90 repositories with brief descriptions of holdings, hours, and locations. An outgrowth of the NHPRC assessment project, the Guide was compiled as part of Vermont's participation in New England Archives Week. The Guide is available free of charge, from the State Archives, Office of the Secretary of State, Montpelier, VT 05602-2198.

Records Management Handbook for United States Senators and their Repositories by Karen D. Paul is a 1985 publication of the US Senate Historical Office. Designed to facilitate and support basic senatorial office functions, the handbook also encourages senators to preserve their records for future historical research. Instructions are given on setting up files that segregate permanent records from transitory material and managing the disposition of automated files and information. The handbook also provides guidelines for the management of sensitive records, micrographics, and courtesy storage. To obtain a copy, contact the Historical Office, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Librarians considering expanding or refining special collections will want to consider ordering Special Collections in College Libraries, the latest addition to the CLIP (College Library Information Packet) Notes series published by the Association of College and Research Libraries. Compiled by Christine Erdmann (Beloit College), the publication documents formulation of special collections policies and covers other topics including publicity, financial support, archives, preservation and use policies. Copies may be ordered from ALA Publications Services, Order Department, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. The 97-page book is \$18.00 (\$15.00 to ACRL members).

Beginning in April, David Bearman, former Deputy Director of the Office of Information Resource Management at the Smithsonian Institution, will begin publishing The Quarterly Update on Archival Informatics: Newsletter and Technical Reports. The newsletter may be purchased as a separate publication or with the technical reports. Bearman has written that the newsletter will contain news about uses of automated techniques in archives, reports on the archiving of automated records, and announcements of meetings and new products. It will have signed reviews of projects, hardware, and software systems. The technical reports will be analyses of "the state of particular technologies and the opportunities they present" to archives and museums. In these reports, Bearman plans to focus on the application of the technologies to real problems of museums and archives at affordable costs. For information about subscriptions, contact Archives and Museum Informatics, 5600 Northumberland Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. (SAA Descriptive Notes, Winter 1986-87)

CONSERVATION NEWS NOTES

NEDCC Presents Recommendations on Treatment of Wooden Library Shelving

Storage of valuable library materials in direct contact with unsealed wooden shelves is questionable due to acids exuded by untreated wood. Unfortunately, the questions of how long various woods exude acid and what should be used to seal wood still need to be answered. The following guidelines may prove helpful when deciding what to do with your wooden bookshelves.

Ideally, the wood should be tested to determine if volatile acids are still emanating from it and, if so, how much. Gas chromatography and mass spectrometry are the tests required. Because these tests require specialized equipment and may be costly or difficult to obtain, it is probably best to assume that acids are being emitted and to treat all unsealed wood. All wood should be coated with a primer followed by at least two coats of a high quality solvent-based acrylic paint. If it is essential that the appearance of the natural wood be retained, the wood should be coated instead with a high quality solvent-based acrylic varnish, such as that used by paintings conservators. If a solvent-based acrylic varnish is not available, a high quality polyurethane can be substituted. Polyurethane, however, must be used cautiously.

Because many brands of polyurethane contain formaldehyde, which accelerates the deterioration of books, the polyurethane must be tested before it is used. To test it, paint it on a piece of the wood, and put the wood in a closed glass container with a piece of clean lead metal (available from chemical supply houses.) Leave it for approximately two weeks. If formaldehyde is present, the surface of the lead will develop a chalky white powder. Should this occur, test another polyurethane and continue testing until you find one acceptable for use. Because formulations of the same brand of polyurethane change frequently, each container must be tested prior to use.

All surfaces of the wood should be coated, and the ends of the wood should receive several additional coats. The manufacturer's directions regarding application should be followed. Allow four to six weeks of good ventilation between application of the last coat and reshelving of books.

If treatment of the wood is not possible, bookshelves should be lined with one hundred percent ragboard or polyester film (Mylar Type D and Melinex 516 are recommended) held in position with 3M Scotch brand double-coated tape #415. Although lining shelves will not protect books as well as sealing the wood, lining will provide some protection.

Even sealed wooden shelves pose a problem if the sealant emits harmful substances. Again, the tests which determine this may be expensive and difficult to obtain. For this reason, removal of the sealant and treatment of the wood according to the specifications described above are probably best. In most cases, however, this will prove impractical and shelves should instead be lined with polyester film or one hundred percent ragboard.

Because these guidelines do not represent the definitive word on the subject, but rather what is known at present, it is important to watch for further developments. Inquiries may be addressed to the author: Sherelyn Ogden, Book Conservator, Northeast Document Conservation Center, Abbot Hall, 24 School Street, Andover, MA, 01810.

USMARC and Preservation

The Library of Congress's Network Development and MARC Standards Office, with support from the Council on Library Resources, recently brought together an ad hoc working group to discuss the types of information needed for preservation decision-making. The following data elements were identified as being useful to have in the USMARC communications format: 1) Physical characteristics of the item, including alkaline, acidic, and brittle paper; original binding; not original binding; binding not intact; and content lost or obscured. 2) Preservation action, including reformatting, conservation, and mass deacidification. 3) Dates, including review, queue, and completion. 4) Priority information, expressed in levels from one to ten. 5) Primary collecting responsibility indicator. 6) Microform characteristics information, including generation, emulsion, and polarity. 7) Item availability. 8) Copyright.

The Network Development and MARC Standards Office is working to develop proposals for incorporating the preservation data elements into USMARC. (Conservation Administration News, No. 28, January 1987.)

New ALA/PLMS Group Forms

A new discussion group has been formed within the American Library Association's Preservation of Library Materials Section. The Library Binding Discussion Group held its first meeting at the ALA Midwinter meeting in Chicago. Information may be obtained from the chair, Sally Grauer, Executive Director, Library Binding Institute, 150 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, NY 14618. (Conservation Administration News, No. 28, January 1987.)

New Copier for Brittle Books

The British Library announces a portable copier consisting of a "thin, flexible sheet lamp" and photographic plate. It emits no ultraviolet light, the book needs to be opened only a few millimeters, and the image resulting can be used to produce an unlimited number of copies. Contact: John Blishen & Co. Ltd., 01-969 0071. (Library Journal, October 15, 1986)

Conservation Films Available

Jane Cole of the Illinois Cooperative Conservation Program reports the availability of a new slide/tape show, The Recovery of Water-Damaged Library Materials. It is based on "a hands-on disaster-recovery workshop held at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in October 1985," and is "designed to meet the need for planning and preparedness on the part of library staff in meeting water-related emergencies; the program also offers step-by-step instruction for salvaging a wide range of library materials."

They also produced a new training video which focuses on the first line of defense in library materials preservation, the care and handling of current materials in a general collection. The Role of Staff and Patrons

in Maintaining General Library Collections, a 23-minute video, covers book construction, processing, simple repairs, proper handling, housekeeping, and storage methods.

Recovery ... is \$60; the training video is \$30 for VHS/Beta, \$40 for U-matic (make check payable to ICCP). Write ICCP at Morris Library, SIU, Carbondale, IL 62901. (Library Journal, December 1986)

Conservation Publications Available

TALAS, a supplier of materials for graphic arts and conservation has published their first catalog since 1975. Complete with an index and price list, the catalog can be purchased for \$5.00 from TALAS, 213 West 35th Street, New York, New York 10001-1996.

Three new volumes have been published on early photographic processes: The Albumen and Salted Paper Book by James M. Reilly, \$9.95; The Ambrotype Old and New by Thomas Febdvebel, \$9.95; and The Platinum Print by John Hafey and Tom Shillea, \$14.95. They are available from: T+E Center, Rochester Institute of Technology, One Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623.

The Brown Book: A Directory of Preservation Information contains listings of 1000 organizations and individuals involved in preservation work, additional preservation information and reading lists. Order from: National Trust for historic Preservation, 1600 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006. Price: \$17.95.

Costs of Preservation Microfilming at Research Libraries: A Study of Four Institutions is a comparative study of the microfilming process at the Library of Congress, New York Public Library, Columbia University Libraries and the University of Chicago Libraries, covering everything from administrative decision-making to the cost of preparing targets and filming. The study estimates that the cost of selecting, preparing, filming and checking a single 240-page book is \$24.48. Record keeping and administrative activities are over 35 percent of the total cost, and costs can be cut by streamlining administrative procedures. The study is available for \$3.00 from the Council on Library resources, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, DC 20036. Prepayment is required.

BOOK REVIEW

Preservation of Historical Records. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press, 1986. \$17.50.

Preservation of Historical Records is the report of a National Research Council study on preservation problems at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). It is not a conservation recipe book, and many of the recommendations are economically feasible only for government agencies. At the same time, any individual working with twentieth-century records should be aware of the study's conclusions, if only to avoid preservation errors.

The National Research Council and its subsidiaries recommend that agencies creating documents adhere to standards already existing for the materials in those documents. Standards for environmental controls should

also be observed at NARA (and other archival centers), and the Council notes that proper storage conditions can reduce deterioration rates dramatically. Mass deacidification is not currently recommended because of the lack of uniformity within records.

Over half the book deals with various media for duplicating information when the original record cannot be preserved. There is concern over the stability and permanence of new magnetic and optical systems, and the Council advises that these not be used extensively until standards are developed for them. Lastly, the Council recommends a strategy based on frequency of use, present condition, and completeness of records in determining what information must be copied, and when. The study is not concerned with the massive size of collections, although microform copying may help to reduce bulk.

The report is technical, covering materials, standards, processes and equipment, but the writing is clear and relatively free of jargon. Relevant individual studies are cited. Abundant illustrations, charts and graphs, a glossary, and a good index contribute to the work's usefulness.

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WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATION

The Western Archives Institute sponsored by the Society of California Archivists, the California State Archives and UCLA will take place July 20-31 on the UCLA campus. A faculty of 30 professionals will share their knowledge of archival and manuscript processing, reference, outreach, administration, conservation, photographs, micrographics, oral history, records management, non-paper media and new technologies. Featured instructors will include former Archivist of the United States, James B. Rhoads, and former SAA Executive Director Ann Morgan Campbell. The registration fee for the two-week institute is \$400. For further information on housing and course content contact: Western Archives Institute, California State Archives, 1020 "O" Street, Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95814, telephone (916) 445-4294.

If you have responsibility for a photographic collection, you may want to attend the two-day workshop on the conservation and management of such resources, April 30-May 1 at the Northeast Document Conservation Center. Sessions by conservators, photograph historians, archivists, and curators will identify causes of deterioration, explore computer cataloguing, and demonstrate copying methods, among other subjects. For details, write Gay Tracy, NEDCC, Abbot Hall, 24 School Street, Andover, MA 01810. (History News Dispatch, February 1987)

"Going to the Source: An Introduction to Research in Archives," the National Archives's four-day course in uses of primary sources, starts May 26 at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. The lecture-workshop course is designed for researchers, social scientists, historians, curators, teachers, librarians, and avocationists. The cost is \$85. To register or for more information, contact Elsie Freeman, Chief, Education Branch, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408, telephone (202) 523-3298.

MEETING CALENDAR: SPRING 1987

SARC/SFA, Orlando, May 5-8: The Southeastern Archives and Records Conference (SARC) and the Society of Florida Archivists will meet in Orlando at the Orlando Marriott, 8001 International Drive. SFA will sponsor a records management workshop May 5-6, followed by the SFA annual meeting and a workshop on grantsmanship May 6 and the SARC meeting May 7-8. SARC (formerly the South Atlantic Archives and Records Conference) has members from the states of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Alabama. The May meeting is sponsored by the Society of Florida Archivists and the State of Florida Archives and Records Management programs. For more information contact the Florida Bureau of Archives and Records Management at (904) 487-2180 or (904) 487-2073.

Mississippi Museums Association Workshop, May 18: A workshop on the care of textiles, covering their identification, cleaning, storage, handling and display will be held at the Manship House in Jackson. The workshop leaders will be Anita Stamper, Director of the Sarah Weaver Gibbs Costume Collection, University of Southern Mississippi, Randy Neal of Brown's Frame Shop, Jackson, and Mary Lohrenz, Curator of Collections at the State historical Museum. For more information contact Mary Lohrenz, (601) 354-6222.

Southwest Archivists, New Orleans, May 20-22: The Southwest Archivists will combine visits to several of the historic attractions of New Orleans with meeting sessions on "Documenting the South," building for archives, writing disaster plans, caring for media collections, and archival education. The meeting will be held at the Royal Orleans Hotel. The deadline for registration is April 30. For a registration packet and program information contact Robert S. Martin, Special Collections, Hill Memorial Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3300, telephone (504) 388-6551.

NEWS FROM MISSISSIPPI REPOSITORIES

L.W. Anderson Genealogical Library

The L. W. Anderson Genealogical Library will be the host for the 1988 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States to be held April 27-30 at the Royal D'Iberville in Biloxi.

Ms. Anne S. Anderson is available to speak to groups that are interested in learning more about the National Genealogical Society and the upcoming conference. She will travel and speak (free of charge) on a variety of other topics as well.

Note also that the Anderson Library has a new location and a new telephone number. (See the Institutional Spotlight on page 3 of this newsletter.) The mailing address remains the same.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

William Hanna has been named the new director of the Division of Records Management of the Department of Archives and History. Hanna left his position as assistant to the executive director at the Soil and Water Conservation Commission to return to the Department, where he is an eleven-year veteran. He first joined the Department as an archivist, eventually becoming supervisor of special collections. Hanna replaces Ron Tomlin, who resigned in December of 1986.

Mississippi State University

Associate University Archivist Michael B. Ballard attended the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Charlotte, North Carolina in November of 1986. His recently published book, A Long Shadow: Jefferson Davis and the Final Days of the Confederacy (University Press of Mississippi) is a selection of the History Book Club.

University of Southern Mississippi- McCain Library & Archives

With generous support from the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities and a Mississippi corporate sponsor, the McCain Library and Archives has begun a seasonal public events series. Building upon the successful Brown Bag Seminars which were begun in the Fall of 1985, the library has added two major exhibitions, three workshops, additional lectures, and several gallery talks.

Throughout the Spring Semester eight Brown Bag Seminars have been scheduled. They range in subject from Hattiesburg architecture to early printing in America. With the cosponsorship of the U.S.M. Committee on Services and Resources for Women, additional Brown Bag Seminars have been scheduled during the month of March in celebration of Women's History Month.

On Sunday, February 15, the exhibition "Children's Literature - Past and Present" featuring selections from the Lena Y. de Grummond Children's Literature Research Collection was opened. A panel discussion entitled "Collecting Children's Books: Three Perspectives" began the festivities. Speakers included Brian Alderson, Children's Book Editor of the London Times and a leading authority on children's literature; John Kelly, University Bibliographer and former curator of the de Grummond Collection; and Dorothy Tharpe, a special friend and contributor to the de Grummond Collection who has amassed a private collection of nearly 5000 volumes. It was followed by a reception and opening of the exhibit which ran through March 25.

After years of work, the Theodore G. Bilbo Papers will be officially opened with an exhibit, lecture, and reception on the evening of March 30. The Forrest County USM Alumni Chapter is co-sponsoring the event which will feature a USM Day dinner and a talk entitled "Prince of the Peckerwoods: Theodore G. Bilbo and Mississippi Politics" by the award-winning author Dr. Chester M. "Bo" Morgan. Afterwards, the exhibit "Theodore G. Bilbo and Mississippi Politics, 1907-1947" will be opened and a reception will follow.

A new venture for the McCain Library and Archives is the preparation of exhibit catalogs. Both spring exhibits have brief catalogs. While they are limited in scope and detail, it is hoped that these modest beginnings can lead to more comprehensive volumes in the future.

Also scheduled in the spring were three workshops which were free of charge and open to the public. On Saturday morning, February 21, Dr. Betty S. Drake conducted the workshop, "Introduction to Genealogical Research and the Genealogy Collection of the McCain Library and Archives." On March 21, Ms. Sandra E. Boyd conducted a workshop on "Hiring a Genealogical Researcher." Finally, on April 25, Mr. Terry S. Latour will present a workshop on "Preserving Family and Local History Records."

A Spring Public Events Calendar is available from the McCain Library and Archives. Call (601) 266-4345.

In January, Anne H. Lundin assumed the position of assistant curator of the de Grummond Children's Literature Research Collection. Anne received a B.A. in English Language and Literature from Ohio Wesleyan University, an M.A. in English from the University of Michigan and an M.L.S. in Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University. She has been an English instructor for fifteen years and has a well-developed interest in historical children's literature.

University of Southern Mississippi - School of Library Science

Julia Marks Young of the School of Library Science at the University of Southern Mississippi, working with Frank Boles of the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, has received funding from NHPRC to conduct a study of a model for appraising modern records. The project grew out of two summers spent as a Mellon Fellow at the Bentley Library. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History will serve as an evaluation site for the project.

University of Mississippi Blues Archive

Staff researcher Walter Liniger and bluesman James "Son" Thomas have visited three Mississippi schools under a grant from the Contemporary Arts Center's Interdisciplinary Fund, sharing Mr. Thomas's blues music and clay sculpture with elementary and high school students in Drew, Ruleville and Marks. When Son Thomas was seriously burned in a household accident in January, Walter went solo, giving a historical summary of the musical influences on Delta blues at the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College. Mr. Thomas is now on his way to recovery, and two more school visits, to Tunica and Como, are planned for May.

Two blues musicians from northwest Mississippi, Junior Kimbrough and Lee Andrew "Cotton" Howell visited the Blues Archive in March to present a workshop on blues music and culture to a visiting group of teachers from Africa, India, Europe and South America sponsored by the United States Information Agency. The musicians talked about their lives, played their songs, and answered the questions of the visitors. Workshops like this one are part of the Blues Archive's goal to bring the educational possibilities of blues music to the attention of teachers, and to involve musicians in the presentation of the music and culture.

SMA members Clara and Burl Hunt will participate in a panel discussion on copyright for librarians presented for the Northwest Regional meeting of the Mississippi Library Association held April 2 at the Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library. Ms. Hunt is Microform-Reserve-Media Librarian in the J.D. Williams Library. Dr. Hunt is Coordinator of Educational Media and Professor in the School of Education.

University Archivist Thomas Verich has received a sabbatical leave for the Fall 1987 semester. He will travel to the island of St. Helena to study the development of a local library in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

ACCESSIONS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY-SPECIAL COLLECTIONS THE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

Henry Oscar Beasley and Family Papers. ca. 1850-1900. .33 cubic feet.

Slave documents, Civil War letters, land records, and financial papers of Henry Oscar Beasley, a Noxubee County farmer and Confederate soldier who was killed in the war, and of various family members. Given by Mary F. Gerard, Louisville, Kentucky.

Lizzie McFarland Blakemore Collection (Accretion) n.d. 1 item.

Undated twenty-four page manuscript entitled "On Summer Things," written by Lizzie McFarland Blakemore. Given by McFarland Walker Wood, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Joseph Benjamin Lightsey Diary. 1849-1854. .33 cubic feet.

Diary of Joseph Benjamin Lightsey, a Jasper county farmer, who later served in companies A and K of the 37th Mississippi Infantry. Among other things, the diary contains a detailed description of John Murrel's involvement in a plot to instigate slave rebellions in Hinds and Madison counties. Given by Ruby McLain, Jackson.

Judith Sargent Murray Papers. 1765-1818; n.d. 2 cubic feet.

Eighteen letterbooks containing approximately 2500 outgoing letters written by Judith Sargent Murray (1751-1820), native of Gloucester, Massachusetts, second wife of the eminent Universalist minister, John Murray, and sister of Winthrop Sargent, first territorial governor of Mississippi. Judith Sargent Murray is best remembered for her three volume work entitled The Gleaner (1798), a compilation of her essays. Mrs. Murray has the distinction of being an early American feminist author, who, in addition to her essays, wrote plays and poetry. She was also an ardent supporter and propagandist for the Universalist church. Her letterbooks, dating from 1765-1818, provide a wealth of documentation about her life, her family and friends, her writing, New England social, political, economic, and religious history, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, Mississippi territorial and early state history, Northwest territorial history, Universalist church history, women's history, American colonial history, and early national history generally. Also present in the collection are one manu-

script volume of her essays entitled "The Repository," three manuscript volumes of her poetry, and manuscript copies of letters, and other writings of Reverend John Murray and those of his mentor, Reverend James Rely of London, England. Given by Mrs. Anne Gwin Vaughan, Natchez.

R. R. Tippy Railroad Collection. ca. 1850-1910. 2 cubic feet.

An artificial collection of archival material pertaining to various American railroad companies, principally the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Included are correspondence, memoranda, agreements, diaries, scrapbooks, minutes, lists of stockholders, scrip, etc. Given by R. R. Tippy, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Benjamin F. Ward Papers (Accretion) n.d. 1 cubic foot.

Four scrapbooks, one photograph, and one receipt book. Given by J. P. Ward, Pass Christian.

William H. Winter Family Papers 1816; 1819; 1862; 1894. 1 inch.

Letters, tax receipt, Confederate States Navy Department voucher concerning the construction of a gunboat for the defense of the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, and a State of Mississippi \$5.00 note, pertaining to William H. Winter and his brother-in-law, Isaac N. Brown. Given by William F. Winter, Jackson.

CARTOGRAPHIC RECORDS COLLECTION

The alluvial valley of the Mississippi River : to accompany report of Major General Edgar Jadwin, Chief of Engineers, December 1, 1927 : plan of the Army engineers for flood control / [U. S. Army Corps of Engineers]. 1 item. Provenance unknown. Uncatalogued.

[Biloxi]. n.d. 1 item. Provenance unknown. Uncatalogued.

Carte de la Louisiane et pays voisins pour servir a l'histoire generale des voyages / [Bellin]. 1757. 1 item. Purchased from Old Maps and Prints, Fort Worth, Texas, in October 1986. Uncatalogued.

Carte* particuliere des environs du fort de Monrepas [sic] et de Labaye des Biloxys / unknown. n.d. 1 item. Provenance unknown. Uncatalogued.

Carte particulier des environs du Fort de Maurepas et de la Baye des Biloxys / unknown. n.d. 1 item. Provenance unknown. Uncatalogued.

Cours du Fleuve St. Louis depuis des embouchures jusqu'a la Riviere d'Iberville et costes voisines / Bellin. 1764. 1 item. Purchased from Old Maps and Prints, Fort Worth, Texas. Uncatalogued.

Diagram of the surveying district south of Tennessee / C. A. Bradford, surveyor south of Tennessee. 1847. 1 item. Purchased from Art Source International, Boulder, Colorado. Uncatalogued.

Georgia. 1804. 1 item. Purchased from Old Maps & Prints & Books, Santa Fe, New Mexico, in November 1986. Uncatalogued.

- Georgia early roads and trails : circa 1730-1850. 1986(?). 1 item.
Presented by Southern Historical Press, Easley, S.C. Uncatalogued.
- [Louisiana, Virginia, Carolina, Georgia, and Florida] / J. Gibson, sculp.
1763. 1 item. Purchased from Old Maps and Prints, Fort Worth, Texas.
Uncatalogued.
- A map of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland with a part
of New Jersey, etc. / London Magazine. 1755. 1 item. Purchased from
Old Maps & Prints & Books, Santa Fe, New Mexico, in November 1986.
Uncatalogued.
- The Mobile and Ohio River Railroad grant in the states of Alabama and
Mississippi / s.n. ca. 1893. 1 item. Purchased from Art Source
International, Boulder, Colorado. Uncatalogued.
- A new map of the river Mississippi from the sea to Bayagoulas / Kitchin.
1761. Purchased from Old Maps and Prints, Fort Worth, Texas.
Uncatalogued.
- Plan du fort de Maurepas a la coste meridionale de la Floride / unknown.
n.d. 4 items. Provenance unknown. Uncatalogued.
- Plan of the military prison situated on Johnsons Island in the Bay of
Sandusky Ohio : the place of confinement for Confederate States offi-
cers captured by the U S Army 1862 / Capt. J. T. Hogane, topographical
engineer CSA. 1979. 1 item. Given by Theodore W. Moore, Webster,
New York, in December 1979. Catalogued.
- A soil map of Mississippi / William N. Logan. 1911. 1 item. Provenance
unknown. Uncatalogued.
- The southern states / Mitchell. 1878. 1 item. Purchased from Art Source
International, Boulder, Colorado. Uncatalogued.
- State of Mississippi / Deposit Guaranty National Bank Petroleum Department.
1966. 1 item. Provenance unknown. Uncatalogued.
- State of Mississippi / Deposit Guaranty National Bank Petroleum Department.
1971. 3 items. Provenance unknown. Uncatalogued.
- The state of Mississippi and Alabama Territory. 1818. 1 item.
Purchased from High Ridge Books, Rye, New York. Uncatalogued.
- Suite du cours du Fleuve St. Louis depuis la Riviere d'Iberville jusqu'a
celle des Yasous et les parties connues de la Riviere Rouge et la
Riviere Noire / Bellin. 1764. 1 item. Purchased from Old Maps and
Prints, Fort Worth, Texas. Uncatalogued.
- Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi . James D. Bryan, delineator. 1944.
1 item. Provenance unknown. Uncatalogued.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY--UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

Eugene Butler (Addition). 1920s-1980s. 3 cubic feet.

Research files, correspondence, editorials, and speeches related to Butler's editorial and publishing duties with Progressive Farmer and Southern Living magazines. Given by Eugene Butler.
Collection is open.

John C. Stennis (Addition). 1966-1968. 63 cubic feet.

Office files related to government agencies, legislation, constituent service. Given by Senator John C. Stennis.
Collection is closed.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI--BLUES ARCHIVE

Chunky Rhythm and Blues Festival, 1985. 5 videocassettes.

Unedited footage of the 1985 Chunky R & B Festival featuring performances by The Ditch Band, Sam Myers, James "Son" Thomas, Bobby Rush, Son Seals and James Cotton. Given by Fred Richardson.
Collection is open. Copying is restricted.

Robert Cray Interview. 1986. 1 videocassette.

Interview with Robert Cray conducted by Harry Weinger, intended for promotional play on MTV. Given by Harry Weinger, PolyGram records.
Collection is open. Copying is restricted.

Lackey Record Collection. 1 cubic foot.

60 78 r.p.m. recordings of blues, rhythm and blues, and popular music, primarily from the 1940s and 1950s. Given by Saralyn and Ellen Lackey.

Living Blues Collection. Interviews (accretion). 1974-1984. 53 tape cassettes.

Taped interviews with blues musicians intended for publication in Living Blues magazine. Interviewees include Jackie Brenston, Walter Morton, Robert Jr. Lockwood, Johnny Shines, Albert King, Big Joe Williams, Z.Z. Hill. Given by Jim O'Neal.
Collection is open. Copying is restricted.

Randall Lyon Videotapes. ca. 1973-1978. 34 items

Reel-to-reel videotapes and videocassettes of blues musicians and other artistic and cultural events in Memphis and Mississippi. Given by Randall Lyon.
Collection is in process. Copying is restricted.

William Morris Record Collection. 3 cubic feet.

234 78 r.p.m. recordings of early blues, jazz and other popular music. Included are several rare record labels and Mamie Smith's "Crazy Blues" (1920), usually considered the first blues recording. Given by William Morris, Jackson, Mississippi.
Collection is open.

King Vidor Photographs. 1929. 10 items.

Still photographs from King Vidor's Hollywood musical film "Hallelujah," which featured an all-black cast, including blues musicians Jim Jackson and Victoria Spivey. Given by Catherine Berge.

Collection is open.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI--ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Amistad duplicates from the Fannie Lou Hamer papers. 1960s. ca. 4 linear feet.

Ephemeral materials: broadsides, leaflets, handbills, organizational booklets and minutes of meetings dating from the late 1960s in Mississippi, especially Sunflower County, concerning voter registration drives, the War on Poverty, Poor People's March on Washington, the beginning of the Head Start Program, and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Given by the Amistad Research Center, Tulane University.

Collection is open.

Maxwell Bodenheim Poem. n.d.

1 page poem "To Noel Coward" with accompanying signed letter.

Ishmael Reed Letters. ca. 1975. 2 items.

T.L.S. and A.L.S. from the writer Ishmael Reed to Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones).

Collection is open.

Rosenfeld Collection. 1960s. ca. 6 linear feet.

Color slides and black and white negatives comprising a photographic record of various social action movements in Mississippi. Given by the photographer, Renee Rosenfeld.

Collection is in process.

Tennessee Williams Typescript. ca. 1971.

Four pages with extensive holograph corrections of "Miss Martha and Her Luggage," a diatribe by Williams concerning Martha Mitchell and Watergate.

Collection is open.

Richard Wright Letter. 1940.

T.L.S., January 16, 1940, to the Springarn Award Committee accepting the Springarn Medal. Given by Wright's widow Ellen Wright and his daughter Julia Wright.

Collection is open.

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Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard Papers. December 1, 1862 and July 24, 1863. 2 items.

The first document was issued in five parts and handwritten by General Beauregard. It deals with the assignments of various individuals. The second handwritten document from Beauregard to Brigadier-General John Henry Winder stated that he would act on Winder's suggestion as circumstances permit.

Collection is open.

William Robertson Boggs Letter. 1863. 1 item.

A letter from Brigadier General W.R. Boggs to Major General James B. McPherson, commander of U.S. Forces at Vicksburg. The letter is in reference to the family of a Dr. Catlett who wanted to travel from Kentucky to Louisiana. Given by Mr. Ernest A. Walen.
Collection is open.

Columbus Riflemen, Company "C", First Regiment Letter. April 21, 1900. 1 item.

Letter written to Anna Banks concerning the celebration planned on April 27 to honor Confederate dead. Officers of the unit whose names are included are G.V. Banks, W.L. Gardner, and E.A. Passino.
Collection is open.

Confederate States of America. Army. Field Report of the Second Brigade. 1862. 1 item.

A document reporting the number of men present for duty with the Second Brigade, Second Division, at the Comite River in Louisiana, on August 3, 1862. The Brigade was commanded by Henry Watkins Allen and participated in the Battle of Baton Rouge on August 5, 1862. Given by Mr. Ernest A. Walen.

Collection is open.

Confederate States of America. Board of Survey Proceedings, Ruggles Command. March 8, 1864. 1 item.

A document reporting the proceedings of a Board of Survey which convened in front of the Confederate Army headquarters in Columbus, Miss. The purpose of the board was to assess the value of the horses belonging to Brigadier General Ruggles and his staff. Given by Mr. Ernest A. Walen.

Collection is open.

Confederate States of America. Customs Form. May 18, 1861. 1 item.

One oversized customs form with a heading which reads "Schedule of free goods introduced into the Confederate States of America." Handwritten entries list merchandise, towns in North Mississippi receiving shipments, and persons to whom goods were consigned.

Collection is open.

Confederate States of America. Port of Holly Springs, Mississippi. May 21, 1861. 1 item.

A notarized customs form acknowledging the shipment of whiskey via Mississippi Central Railroad to J.P. Atkinson at Holly Springs, Miss. The form was notarized by J.R. Fariss, Justice of the Peace.

Collection is open.

County Institute-Programme and Syllabus. 1892. 1 item.

This booklet was intended for use by public school teachers and contains general regulations concerning night sessions, authority of the conductors, roll calls, and the place of the meeting. The major portion of the booklet concerns a schedule of activities for the five-day institute.

Collection is open.

Martin Witherspoon Gary Papers. 1864. 2 items.

Two handwritten letters recommending the appointment of Martin W. Gary to the rank of brigadier general in the Confederate Army. Given by Mr. Ernest A. Walen.

Collection is open.

Gonzales Baptist Church Records (Gonzales, Louisiana). 1934-1943.

.20 cubic feet.

One ledger book containing a roll of church members and minutes of church meetings, supplemented by loose treasurer's reports, committee reports and miscellaneous correspondence. Minutes cover the period December 9, 1934, through August 8, 1943. Given by Dr. John Gonzales.

Collection is open.

Maxcy Gregg Requisition. February 8, 1861. 1 item.

A handwritten document from Colonel Gregg, headquartered with the 1st Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers on Sullivan's Island. Colonel Gregg writes to Colonel Edward Manigault, Chief of the Ordnance Department, requesting ammunition for his regiment. Given by Mr. Ernest A. Walen.

Collection is open.

Robert Edward Lee General Order No. 14. February 2, 1864. 1 item.

General Robert E. Lee states how pleased he is with the units of the Army of the Tennessee that have re-enlisted in the Confederate Army and wishes that their actions will inspire other "soldiers of the South." This copy of General Order No. 14 is addressed to General Jubal A. Early, commander of a division of the Army of North Virginia.

Collection is open.

Virginia Governor (John Letcher) Proclamation. February 7, 1860. 1 item.

This proclamation announces Letcher's two year appointment of Joseph C. Lawrence (of New York City) as Virginia's commissioner to the state of New York. Given by Mr. Ernest A. Walen.

Collection is open.

New England Mississippi Land Company Reports. February 11, 1823-May 18, 1840. 8 items.

Committee reports from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives concerning the New England Mississippi Land Company and the Georgia Mississippi Company. The eight printed documents (7 Senate; 1 House) cover the period 1823 to 1840. Of special interest are the numerous references to the legal case of Brown vs. Gilman and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision.

Collection is open.

Ralph North Letter. January 20, 1881. 1 item.

A letter from Ralph North in Natchez, Miss. to Sargent Prentiss Nutt concerning Nutt's request for confirmation of the capture of two coal boats in Natchez by a Federal gunboat in the spring of 1863. The Nutt family was seeking reparation for damages to Longwood Plantation and other properties during the Civil War.

Collection is open.

Andrew J. Patrick Letter. October 15, 1862. 1 item.

A letter from Patrick (near Holly Springs, Miss.) to his father and wife, describing the October 3-4 conflict with Union troops at Corinth, MS. Patrick reveals concern for his family and the possibility of not seeing them again.

Collection is open.

T.C. Prescott Letter. December 11, 1861. 1 item.

A personal letter from T.C. Prescott, Acting Assistant Adjutant General of the Natchez post, U.S. Army, to Cyrus, a member of the 13th New Hampshire Regiment, who had recently returned from a furlough.

Collection is open.

Salem Baptist Church Records. June 13, 1874-July 18, 1894. 1 folder.

Photocopy of the original record book of the Salem Baptist Church located in Covington County, Mississippi. Included are the Church's Articles of Faith and minutes of its operation from the organization date, June 13, 1874, through July 18, 1894. Given by Mrs. Lucille Rogers Skehan.

Collection is open.

Milt Shaw Letter. March 10, 1863. 2 items.

A letter written by Milt Shaw, member of the 5th Iowa Volunteers Regiment, to his friend Alf Giague in Birmingham, Iowa. Shaw was a part of the Yazoo Pass Expedition which General Grant ordered in 1862-1863.

Collection is open.

John M. Stone Letter. November 16, 1861. 1 item.

A letter written by J.M. Stone (Mississippi Governor, 1876-1882, 1890-1896) to Charles G. Tefft of New York City in response to Tefft's request for an autograph.

Collection is open.

Eugene Talmadge Pamphlets. September 1942. 7 items.

This collection consists of five campaign pamphlets for Eugene Talmadge in the 1942 Georgia governor's race. Also included is a fragment of a political handbill and a photograph of members of "the Union of Georgia, an organization of negroes and whites teaching racial equality in the South." Talmadge attacks his opponents and the integration of public schools.

Collection is open.

Eugene Tiblier Letter. November 1, 1863. 1 item.

A letter from Tiblier of the 3rd Mississippi Infantry to an unknown female friend. He discusses the lack of supplies, the exchange of Vicksburg prisoners, and an anticipated skirmish with Union forces.

Collection is open.

U.S. Adjutant General's Office. General Orders #25. February 26, 1870. 1 item.

A printed copy of the general order which dissolved the Fourth Military District which consisted of Mississippi and Arkansas.

Collection is open.

- U.S. Army. Ordnance Corps Letter. December 11, 1826. 1 item.
A letter from Colonel G. Bomford to Rep. William Haile (Congressman from Mississippi) in response to his inquiry about arms for the state militia.
Collection is open.
- U.S. Army. Office of Subsistence. Vicksburg, Mississippi. October 1863. 1 item.
A letter written October 1863 by A.H. Robinson and addressed to Lieutenant Colonel J.C. Cox, Acting Chief of the Commissary of Subsistence, Department of Tennessee. The letter refers to an accompanying report of assistance to destitute citizens which is no longer attached.
Collection is open.
- U.S. Army, Provost-Marshal's Office, 4th District, Richmond, Virginia. April 1865. 3 items. The first document certifies that a prisoner of war had taken the oath prescribed by Abraham Lincoln. The second document certifies that Confederate deserters had taken the Amnesty Oath. This oath exempted such persons from military service against the rebel cause. Also included is a copy of Lincoln's proclamation. Given by Mr. Ernest A. Walen.
Collection is open.
- U.S. Land Patent-Alabama. February 23, 1821. 1 item.
An original document from the U.S. Government which provides clear title to a tract of land in Washington County of the present state of Alabama. Purchaser of the land was Bookajah Smith, assignee of James P. Hainsworth.
Collection is open.
- U.S. Land Patents-Alabama, March 20 and March 30, 1837; Mississippi, January 5, 1841. 3 items.
Three original documents from the U.S. Government which provide clear title to lands in Sumpter County, Alabama, and Covington County, Mississippi. William Watt's Mississippi land was sold through the Augusta, Mississippi, Land Office. Blake Little, the assignee of Daniel Green and William Key, received his land through the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Land Office. Given by Mr. John Conner.
Collection is open.
- U.S. Land Patent-Mississippi. January 5, 1841. 1 item.
An original document from the U.S. Government which completes the sale of forty acres to Alexander McLeod, assignee of John McLaurin. The described land is located in Covington County, Mississippi. The sale was handled through the land office in Columbus, Mississippi.
Collection is open.
- U.S. Land Patent-Mississippi. February 27, 1841. 1 item.
An original document from the U.S. Government providing clear title to a large tract of land in Scott County, Mississippi. Purchaser of the land was Sylvester Pearl.
Collection is open.

Virginia Governor's Communication Enclosing the Credentials of the Commissioner from Mississippi. February 1860. 1 item.
This collection consists of one pamphlet in four parts: a preface by Governor Letcher of Virginia; a letter from P.B. Starke, commissioner from Mississippi; a letter from Governor Pettus of Mississippi; and resolutions of the Mississippi legislature. All are concerned with a convention proposed by South Carolina to promote union, not disunion. Collection is open.

Virginia Governor's Message Enclosing a Communication from Mississippi. March 1860. 1 item.

This collection consists of a communication in pamphlet form from P.B. Starke, Commissioner from Mississippi, to the Virginia General Assembly. Starke requests that the Assembly reply as to whether Virginia would send delegates to a proposed convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Also mentioned was a recent abolitionist raid in Virginia. Collection is open.